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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF AMB. USHIBA

1. FOR PAST TWO DAYS TOKYO PRESS HAS CARRIED RUMORS THAT
AMBASSADOR

USHIBA WILL BE REPLACED IN NEAR FUTURE BY FORMER DEP VICE MINISTER
YASUKALA. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY, FIRST NOTRH AMERICAN HEAD

FUKADA HAS CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS.

2. FUKADA SAID PRESENT
FONOFF THINKING IS THAT USHIBA WILL BE
SENT INSTRUCTIONS IN LATE MAY DIRECTING HIS TRANSFER TO TOKYO.
HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO LEAVE WASHINGTONIN MID OR LATE JUNE.
FUKADA SAID GOJ PRACTICE IS TO WAIT UNTIL AMB HAS DEPARTED
BEFORE REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR NEW AMB. CURRENT THINKING
WITHIN GOJ IS THAT FORMER DEP VICE MIN YASUKAWA (WHO HAD BEEN
INNOCENTLY VICTIMIZED BY LEAK OF DOCUMENTS TO MAINICHI ONE
YEAR AGO) WILL BE ASSIGNED TO REPLACE USHIBA AND WILL ARRIVE
IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY JULY SO AS TO BE THERE IN ADVANCE OF
NIXON- TANAKA SUMMIT MEETING.
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